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2002 FHWA ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

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MADISON-NORRIS
8/26/02 thru 9/01/02:

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NIGHT CLOSURES BETWEEN MADISON JUNCTION AND GIBBON MEADOWS ARE FROM 9:00 PM TO 9:00 AM NIGHTLY, 7 NIGHTS PER WEEK (Until August 30, see below)

The Prime Contractor is **HK Contractors Inc., of Idaho Falls, ID**. The total Contract amount is \$18.6 million.

The Contract Completion Date is Sept. 2003.

The Work Consists of 15.5 K of road re-construction and 2 bridges between the Madison and Norris junction. The project is located in two segments. The first segment is between the Madison Junction and Gibbon Falls. The second segment is located between Tanker Curve and Gibbon Meadows. When traveling the route be aware of construction equipment and trucks traversing between the two segments.

We expect this year to complete the remaining earthwork and drainage. Placement of new gravel surfacing began on August 5th at the Madison Junction (working north). Trucks hauling the gravel surfacing are traveling from Bozeman Sand and Gravel (located near Duck Creek and near the intersection of MT Highway 287 and 191) through the West Entrance of the Park and into the project through the Madison Junction. Gravel Surfacing has been placed on approximately 60% of the main road. Paving is scheduled to begin in early September.

Installation of the Simulated Stone Masonry is continuing this week at MSE Wall #2 (STA 6+700, south of Gibbon Falls), however the majority of the construction activities along the existing roadway this week will be located between Tanker's Curve to Gibbon Meadows. Gravel Surfacing is being placed between Gibbon River Bridge No. 2 (1 mile north of Tanker's Curve) and Gibbon Meadows. Work is also continuing at the Beryl Springs Bridge. Removal of the existing pedestrian viewing platform and timber curb and guardrail is complete on the west side of the bridge. Replacement of timber curb and guardrail on the west side is nearly complete. Removal and replacement of all curb and rail components on the east side of the bridge remains to be completed. Historic Stone Masonry installation is continuing at Gibbon River Bridge No. 1 this week.

HK Contractors has nearly completed excavation and embankment activities on the new alignment section of road (just north of Gibbon Falls to just north of Tanker's Curve). Items of work such as slope finishing, topsoil placement, and culvert installation are still ongoing in this area.

From noon August 30 until 6 a.m. on September 3, the road will remain open without delays. Beginning 6 a.m. on September 3 until November 3 the road will be open on week days from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The road will be closed during week days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The road will be opened on weekends from 6 a.m. Saturday to 10 p.m. on Sunday. EXPECT UP TO 30 MINUTE DELAYS WHEN TRAVELLING FROM MADISON TO NORRIS DURING OPEN PERIODS.

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